

# The Controlled Substances Prescriber

## Patient Review and Coordination Program

Health & Recovery Services  
Administration

### ➔ What is the Patient Review and Coordination (PRC) Program?

The PRC (formerly known as the Patient Review and Restriction) Program may assign clients to a primary care provider (PCP), pharmacy, controlled substances prescriber, hospital, or other provider for at least two years.

- The PRC Program focuses on the health and safety of the client.
- It is a requirement of all Medicaid programs to control overutilization and inappropriate use of medical services of clients.
- The Washington Administrative Code (WAC) covering PRC is 388-501-0135 and can be found at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/>.
- Clients who have been in the PRC Program have shown a 33% decrease in emergency room use, a 37% decrease in physician visits, and a 24% decrease in the number of prescriptions.

### ➔ What is my role in the PRC Program?

- Make sure the client receives appropriate controlled substances for their medical needs.
- Coordinate care with the PCP.
- Educate the client on the appropriate use of controlled substances.
- Instruct the client to only get controlled substances prescriptions from their assigned controlled substances prescriber.

### ➔ Is billing the same for PRC clients?

Yes. See <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/download/BI.html> for billing instructions.

### ➔ How will I know if a client is in the program?

The assigned providers will receive a copy of the client's letter. You can check:

- The client's medical ID Card has an "X" in the Restriction column.
- The words "Client on Review" are printed on the card.
- The Medical Eligibility Verification (MEV) system shows the client's assigned providers.
- WAMedWeb checks eligibility and includes the client's assigned providers. To find out more about this service, go to: <https://wamedweb.acs-inc.com/wa/general/home.do>

The claims billing system will deny claims from providers not assigned to the client or who have not been referred by the client's PCP.

### ➔ What if the client needs care when I am not available?

Talk with the client about your after hours policy to avoid unnecessary and costly emergency room visits.



What if I need to end my participation with an assigned client?

- You can end your participation with your assigned PRC client at any time.
- You must give your PRC client a 30-day written notice.
- You must notify us so we can help the client find another controlled substances provider.



How do I contact PRC?

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<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/PRR>